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TO: PRIORITY ISLAMABAD, FBIS/GULF, FBIS/LONDON, FBIS/NICOSIA,
FBIS/VIENNA, FBIS/OKINAWA. 4

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED GULF BUREAU CLOSURE 4

BUREAU CHIEFS FROM [] 4

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1. ONLY RECIPIENTS OF THIS CABLE HAVE BEEN INFORMED, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, OF THE POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF GULF BUREAU. FOR A NUMBER OF VERY GOOD REASONS, WE DON'T WANT THE INFORMATION TO SPREAD ANY FURTHER AND THEREFORE INSIST THAT THE SUBJECT NOT EVEN BE DISCUSSED WITH YOUR STAFFS FOR THE TIME BEING. A NUMBER OF PLANNING STEPS REMAIN, AND THE FINAL DECISION ON CLOSURE IS THE EXCLUSIVE PREROGATIVE OF THE DDCI. IT COULD BE WELL INTO APRIL BEFORE THE FORMAL DECISION CAN BE ANNOUNCED. 4

2. WE SUSPECT THAT THE GRAPEVINE IS AT WORK NONETHELESS. IF WORD REACHES THE BUREAUS THAT WAY, THE TRUTHFUL RESPONSE IS THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED ON SUCH AN ACTION. WE HOPE TO BE IN A POSITION SOON TO ANNOUNCE AT LEAST OUR CLOSURE PROPOSAL TO THE OTHER

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CHIEFS. MEANWHILE, DO YOUR BEST TO KEEP IT AMONG US. DECL OADR DRV

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